

REMARKS

Claims 46-61 are allowed. The rejection of all other claims is hereby traversed. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution of the present application, all rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice so that the canceled claimed subject matter can be pursued in additional applications. Claims 46-61 are pending in the present application.


Applicants have submitted proposed changes to correct various informalities in the specification. In addition, an E-IDS is being submitted concurrently to identify additional references that have come to the attention of the Applicants' representative.

All pending claims are allowed. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, a call to the Applicants' representative listed below is requested.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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